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Ballot Access Comes to a Close With 49 States in View

By Sean Haugh

Ballot Access season is winding down, with 50 states for the Libertarian Party still possible. Currently we are officially on the ballot in 43 states, with Tennessee, Virginia and New York the most recent additions. We're done petitioning in all other states except one and are in court in three of them. We are also facing legal challenges in two states where we are already certified, including a rather

pathetic attempt by the GOP to thwart Bob Barr's appearance on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

The states where we have collected enough signatures and are simply awaiting official confirmation from the state are Alabama, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. That will bring us up to 46 states. Petitioning has begun in Minnesota, our last state where petitioning will get us on the ballot. That process should be complete by press time.

The three problem states where we are having to take the

Ballot Access fight to court are Oklahoma, West Virginia and Maine. We've already filed in the first two and should have a court date in Maine soon.

Oklahoma has the worst Ballot Access law in the country, where it takes 43,913 signatures just to put one candidate on the statewide ballot. Our cases in West Virginia and Maine rely mostly on the unconstitutionality of their deadlines. In both states, we have more than enough signatures well before the

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CANDIDATE'S CORNER

Libertarian Candidates Play Key Role

By Bob Barr



Last month, I talked alot about the good that can come from a strong presidential ticket. Most of what I focused on was the benefit to state parties and future candidates through ballot access retention, and increased voter turnout for down-ticket candidates. I emphasized the importance of supporting the presidential ticket because, in turn, you are helping the whole party.

There are hundreds of Libertarians running for positions from soil and water conservation boards, to mayors, to even U.S. House and Senate seats. These Libertarians, who have invested their resources to run for office, have made tremendous sacrifices in their pursuit of bettering their communities and our country.

Running for office as a Libertarian goes beyond simply being a member of the Party. These brave Libertarian candidates make tremendous sacrifices, with little recognition for their efforts. They run because they care about their communities, and wish to spread the values of our party by serving at all levels of government.

Our local candidates are the strength of our Party, and they are the reason why the Libertarian Party is the most successful third-party in the history of the nation. With more than 600 Libertarians elected to office, we are an active and successful political party that helps shape the laws that govern us. Because of the Libertarian Party and the hundreds of Libertarians that run for office, we have a significant influence and impact on American politics.

I constantly refer to the example of our Libertarian friends down in Lee County

Florida, who took over a Soil and Water Conservation Board, and soon were able to cut a costly and unnecessary Mobile Irrigation Lab. After cutting the lab, Jack Tanner, chairman of the Lee Soil and Water Conservation District, decided to send the \$100,000 surplus in their accounts back to the taxpayers.

The move, orchestrated by Libertarians who held a majority on the board, made headlines and showed the people of Florida what Libertarians do when they get elected to office. "Like many government agencies we have money in a lot of places," Tanner said in a newspaper interview. "When we got down to terminating the money coming in we looked at the money we had and what to do with it. We figured the property owners could use it better than we could." Even our National Chairman, Bill Redpath, is running a statewide

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THE MAILBOX

The Journey of a Former Neocon

In Confessions of a Former Neocon, Andrew Davis gave a summary of his political "journey ... from a budding Democrat into a seething Republican, and finally at peace within the libertarian movement." Many have taken this journey and here is another way to say it while saying something positive about all parties: "When you are young and you are not a liberal, you have no heart; when you are older and you are not a conservative, you have no brain; when you become a libertarian, you have both a heart and a brain."

Clyde Garland
Bryan, TX



Candidate's Corner

race of U.S. Senate in his home state of Virginia.

It is important that we support all our local candidates, in addition to the presidential campaign.

You can do this in a number of different ways. Donating to our candidates is a great way to help give them the funds they need to run better campaigns. It is rare that a Libertarian candidate can match the fundraising of his Republican and Democratic opponents.

Sometimes, volunteering may be even better than a financial donation.

Every campaign needs extra hands to help with stuffing envelopes, making signs, knocking on doors and passing out campaign literature. Though it may be only a few hours on a weekend to assist with the efforts of your fellow Libertarians in their run for office, the time you spend can mean the difference between winning and losing.

Although it may be too late to run for office, it's not too late to help out our candidates who are already running. Please email your state party to find out who is running in your state or community, or visit www.LP.org to find out more about our candidates! This is going to be a record year for the Libertarian Party, and we must make it a record from the top of the ticket to the bottom! Success can only come from Libertarians like you who dedicate time to help support our candidates running for office.

LP Ballot Access Update

Democrats or Republicans even name their candidates. Simply put, if the states can wait until Labor Day to know who our opponents will be, they certainly can wait that long to know who our candidates will be.

We are also fighting lawsuits over substitution in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Since we have to start petitioning in states which require 10,000 signatures or more before our convention, we use placeholder names on our petitions which are substituted once the petitioning process is complete.

We brought the Massachusetts case because the Secretary of State there originally told us we could substitute these names, just as they have done for years. Then in early June, after we had already collected thousands of signatures, that office capriciously changed their minds and closed the door on substitution. The Massachusetts ACLU has taken up our cause in court there.

In Pennsylvania, we are being sued by a McCain lackey named Vincent Stubile, who claims the use of substitution is fraudulent. Both cases should be very easy wins for us. The Pennsylvania action in particular shows just how desperate the McCain campaign is to avoid competition from Bob Barr. They've all but admitted this is just a nuisance suit to waste some of our time and money.

Speaking of which, there are literally hundreds of people across the country, paid and volunteer, who spent plenty of their own time and money to make these ballot access efforts successful. All told the national party, our state parties and the Barr campaign together have had to spend almost \$750,000. Of that, the national party's portion of the bill is almost \$600,000 this election cycle.

Now that Ballot Access is almost done, we have very little money left to support our candidates and help rack up some Libertarian victories in November. As our candidate for Governor of North Carolina Mike Munger put it so well, because of these insane Ballot Access laws our candidates show up to the starting line of the election marathon already out of breath.

We need your help now to replenish our warchest and take advantage of this historic opportunity to grow our party like never before. If you can contribute please visit <http://www.lp.org/contribute>. Thanks.

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Florida

Libertarians Gather to Support I.O.U.S.A.

Libertarians in Lee County Florida waved President Barr signs before attending the movie I.O.U.S.A on August 21. The low cost signs, 24x32 and 12x18, are available from Artypeinc. Jack Tanner said the theater employee told us a near-capacity crowd of 273 people paid to attend the movie. Many attendees applauded during the movie and the live discussion.

Illinois

Local Libertarians Take Part in Service Opportunities

Illinois Libertarians were busy over the summer hosting Operation Politically Homeless booths at the DuPage and McHenry

County Fairs as well as the Illinois Renewable Energy Fair. Myriad visitors found themselves in the Libertarian quadrant of the Nolan Chart and took away campaign brochures for Bob Barr and U.S. Senate candidate Larry Stafford along with other libertarian information. Thanks to all who volunteered to staff these outreach events.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois will hold its annual convention the weekend of October 3-5 at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook. Libertarian Jeopardy will be back again this year along with an impressive lineup of speakers and workshops. Online registration is open and convention sponsorship opportunities are still available. Get all the details at LPillinois.org/ convention.

Iowa

Voting Progress throughout State

As you probably know by now, Barr& Root will be on the ballot

in Iowa. We thank Scott Kohlhaas and LPIA petitioners for their effort! Our petition packet, which included a number of customary documents, was subject to far greater scrutiny than before - perhaps our new Secretary of State, whose background is Voter Registration, likes to scrutinize in general or perhaps because Libertarian is freshly (1-1-2008) available as a voter registration choice, or maybe Barr/ Root are viewed as more credible vote-getters?

We have 2 LP Iowa candidates for Iowa Statehouse: Eric Cooper-Iowa House District #46(Ames) and, what will probably be our most visible race, Russ Gibson-Iowa House District #60 (West Des Moines).

On with the Campaign!!

Kansas

LP Attention at State Fairs

The Libertarian Party of Kansas has been working the last few weeks at multiple county fairs reach-

ing out to disaffected voters across the state. This outreach activity is having a positive effect in Kansas as the number of Libertarian registered voters is increasing in 2008 while the Republicans are seeing a downward spiral and the Democrats are treading water.

The LPKS is also sponsoring two booths at major events in Kansas.

The first is the Kansas State Fair. The LPKS has staffed an outreach booth at the Kansas State Fair for 22 years in a row, making it one of the longest running LP outreach activities in the nation. The response has been terrific in the past and between 120,000 to 150,000 people will attend the State Fair in Hutchinson Kansas between Sept 5th thru the 14th 2008.

The second event will be in Olathe, Kansas (Kansas City area) Old Settlers Days. This is a three-day event (September 4th - 6th) that will serve over 100,000 people. This is our third year at Old Settlers and each year we have frustrated the Democrats and Republicans more and more as people jump at the chance for positive politi-

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cal change. The LPKS is continuing to be active in making positive political change in Kansas.

Texas

Texas LP recognized as a major player in the 2008 election.

In response to pleas to have Libertarian candidates withdraw from the ballot, state chair Pat Dixon sent the following message to the slate of candidates:

Some great things are happening for the Libertarian Party of Texas and I urge all of our candidates to REMAIN ON THE BALLOT!

Some candidates are getting called by people asking you to withdraw. The incumbents fear our presence on the ballot and do not want voters to have a choice. There are times when our members choose not to oppose someone that is on our side. Typically our conventions choose not to oppose Ron Paul.

One of the authors of

our bill last session, Dan Branch, has kept in contact with us and our supporters in the Dallas area thought it best not to challenge him. However, now is not the

“At the moment there is so much to gain in Texas, and the only way we can lose is to give up.”

time for people that would not talk to us last year to now beg us to support them. They are not worthy of our trust and support. There is nobody in the legislature anywhere near Ron Paul in terms of Libertarian principle. To compromise now is to throw away our best hand.

There is also a perception that Libertarians only hurt Republicans. People do not understand that we are not only for economic liberty, but also social tolerance and individual liberty.

In 2006 the Republican beat the Democrat by fewer votes than our candidate Gene Freeman received in district 106. Some of you are running against incumbent Democrats. At the moment there is so much to gain in Texas, and the only way we can lose it is to give it up.

Ohio

LP Updates Accompany Ballot Access

Great times for the Ohio LPO! The Ohio LPO stood its ground and won its court case against the State of Ohio in the US District Court. This fall, the team of Barr/Root and 8 other down-ticket candidates will appear on the Ohio ballot WITH the Libertarian Party name! It has been nearly 8 years since we saw the LP name below our candidates. It greatly helped that we have reorganized, updated our web site, set up a business structure of operations, energized our state conventions, and started to network with R's and D's in the Ohio government the past few years. Ohio has had a reputation of being very tough on ballot access. So, this victory was only the first step. We need to get the laws (or lack of) changed in Ohio and that will take

some lobbying over the next few months. Otherwise, we could be back in court again. For now, a BIG thanks to Richard Winger for helping drive this process and our attorneys Gary Sinawski and Mark Brown.

Five percent is critical in Ohio- remember we have horrible ballot access laws.

We need Bob Barr to get 5 percent of the vote in Ohio this Fall in order for the LPO to RETAIN ballot access for another two years. That way we can run local candidates WITH the LP name/brand.

Finally, we are nearing the final transition stage to a full political party and creating a statewide Central Committee, per guidelines as set in the Ohio Revised Code. We are accepting nominations for the Central Committee from each congressional district in Ohio. During September, we will have elections of our new Central Committee and on October 11, the Central Committee will elect the new LPO Executive Committee. Formerly, the Executive Committee was elected directly from those attending the Ohio state LP convention.

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Oregon

Portland Convention Nominates Two LP Candidates

The Libertarian Party of Oregon selected two more candidates at the nominating convention in Portland. H. Joe Tabor was nominated for First U.S. Congressional District and Jim Karlock was nominated for Oregon State Representative district 45.

Tabor and Karlock join Steve Milligan who is running for the Fifth U.S. Congressional District and Jay Ellefson and Marc Delphine, candidates for State Representatives in districts 36 and 26 respectively. Milligan, Ellefson and Delphine were nominated at a previous convention in June. Oregon state law allows multiple nominating conventions for minor parties.

Tabor, a self-employed Portland electronics consultant, offers to give voters a choice of a smaller federal government, personal liberty and nonintervention in international affairs.

Karlock, a Portland small business co-owner, advocates preserving neighbor-

hood character, affordable energy, convenient low cost transportation, and stopping Oregon's neglect for the working poor.

The Oregon Libertarian Party formally endorsed all Libertarian candidates on the ballot including Bob Barr for President of the United States and Wayne Allyn Root for Vice President. Barr, a former Georgia Congressman and Root, a Nevada businessman, have been tracking around six percent on various national polls, with a recent Zogby poll stating that 55% of the voters wish to see Barr in the debates.

The party also endorsed Delia Lopez, a former Libertarian county chair, running for Third U.S. Congressional District. The party passed a resolution to oppose Measure 65, the "Top Two Primary" ballot measure.

Washington

State Continues to Pursue Ballot Access for the LP

The Libertarian party of Washington State congratulates Ruth Bennett for getting through the Top Two Primary in Washington and we are also glad to have a (L) to vote for as President and Vice President.

A special thanks to prof. John Beck (WA's 5th CD) who put the effort into being a (L) but was not successful in getting on the ballot.

We are still waging a battle against the version of 'Top Two' forward primary. We are seeking financial assistance in this struggle and have already once gone to the Supreme Court to secure an unbiased primary.

We want ballot access without partisan wrangling. The LPWA prefers Ranked Choice Voting (as we have in Pierce County) to the current incarnation of the primary in Washington.

We were successful in getting the Barr/Root ticket onto the general election. A special thanks to our own Rachel Hawkridge and everyone that spent hours getting petitions signed to secure ballot access for the Libertarian Party of Washington's Presidential ticket.

Best wishes to every state in the union!

Wisconsin

State LP Progresses in Activism and Candidacy

Political activity in Wisconsin is picking up. The LPWI had a booth at the Wisconsin State Fair again which provided products and information. In 2004 we had no candidates for partisan office. This year we have four Assembly candidates and three Congressional candidates. Two of those candidates are in the Third District so there will be a primary election in September. The two candidates, Ben Olson and Kevin Barrett, were interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio and are doing a joint discussion of their views on a tour boat in the Upper Dells of the Wisconsin River.

"Affiliate News and Events" are reports from our state affiliates about the activities and events occurring in their area in the last month. If you are a state chairman and would like to submit your news for the next issue, please email Libertarian Party Director of Communications Andrew Davis at Andrew.davis@lp.org.

LP Candidates Make Final Push

By Bill Redpath

We are deep in the heart of election season now, and, of course, it is not just any election season. From Labor Day to Election Day in presidential election years is the most intense nine weeks of every four year election cycle, and certainly that is the case for the Libertarian Party.

This year we will have about 850 candidates around the nation, by far the most of any political party (other than the R's and D's). Other than our presidential ticket (which appears to be solidly on track to get the highest vote percentage ever for an LP presidential ticket), we will have about 137 congressional candidates (including me, the US Senate candidate in Virginia), 10 candidates for Governor, 16 candidates for statewide office other than Governor, roughly 180 state house and 35 state senate candidates, with the balance of approximately 470 running for various state and local offices.

If you are one of these candidates, thank you ever so much for running. It sort of comes down to this: no candidates, no party. Candidates are the stars and the very lifeblood of our party.

Yes, LP members work for or against initiatives (and some, not unreasonably, argue that that is where we have had our greatest successes). But, our

candidates take the Libertarian message to the streets, so to speak. Through our candidates, the Libertarian perspective on the issues of the day are heard by the people--people who generally don't read Reason magazine or attend events at libertarian think tanks (or even visit their websites). Libertarian Party candidates take the message of liberty and (very) limited government places where it would not otherwise go. That's why this political party is so important to the Libertarian movement in this nation.

If you are not an LP candidate for public office this year, another opportunity to be so is only a year or two down the road. If there are candidates in your state or locality, please don't wait to be asked to help. Believe me, the candidates need your help—and money, for that matter. Please be proactive in reaching out to a candidate in your area by asking what you can do to help with his or her campaign in the weeks leading up to Election Day.

The LP will also, once again, be the leader in ballot access among third parties and independent candidates. As I write this, it appears that the Barr/Root presidential ticket will be on the ballot in at least 47 states—and hopefully more (as I pen this, fifty state coverage is still theoretically possible), but that will depend on the outcome of several currently pending lawsuits. Nevertheless, it now appears that at least 39 out of 40

voters across the US will have the Barr/Root ticket on their ballot.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this effort, through signature gathering, or financial contributions or

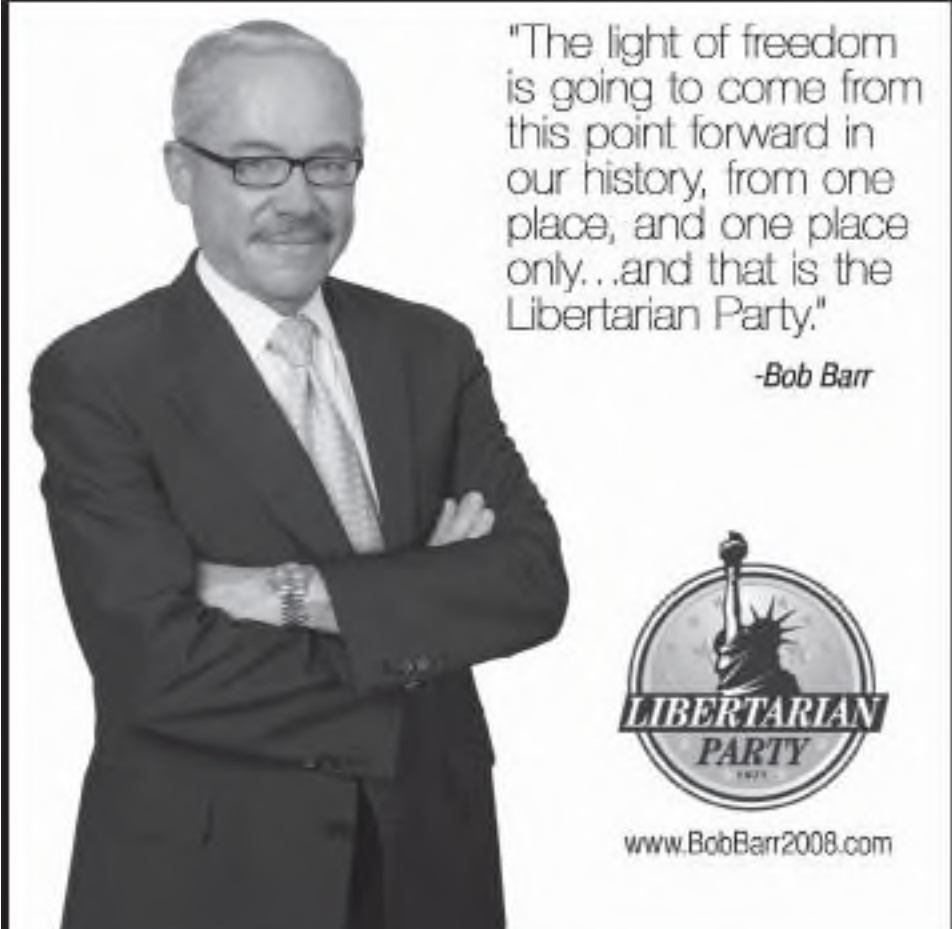
pushing hard in this endeavor, we would not have had the success the LP has had in this regard.

And, with the candidates that we have this year, we are poised to come out of the 2008 election season with the best

“Libertarian Party candidates take the very message of liberty and (very) limited government places where it would not otherwise go.”

volunteer coordination of paid petitioning efforts. The LP's ballot access efforts regularly set the pace among minor parties in the US, and that needs to be remembered, even though near universal ballot coverage for the Libertarian Party is a normal event. Without all of us

ballot access that the LP has ever had, which would translate into lower expenditures for ballot access petition drives in the future. I look forward to sharing with you the details of that and this year's LP candidates' success stories in my next column.



"The light of freedom is going to come from this point forward in our history, from one place, and one place only...and that is the Libertarian Party."

-Bob Barr

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David was the first of four boys born of Fred and Anne Haase of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Growing up, David always had a job or two after school, weekends and most of the summer. When the draft board called he was 21 years old, David joined the Army, where his mission was to inspect all subsistent (food) moving through the Atlanta Army Depot; and later to train and advise the Commander and his troops in nuclear, chemical and biological defense. David has been a self-starter all his life self employed and doing what he wanted to at the time. The business of real estate was David's first passion. David has been involved in real estate transactions in 48 of the 50 states and dealt in all types of real estate. He is determined to keep the Libertarian party on the ballot in Alaska; he needs 3% of the vote. To help save the nation from big government debt, support David!

Arizona

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US House, District 2

Michael Shoen

US House, District 3

Joe Cobb

US House, District 4

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US House, District 8

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Douglas Arthur Tuma, LP Sacramento County Chairman, is running for California's Congressional District 3. Douglas began his federal civil service retirement in 1994 after serving 21 years as a civil engineer for Reclamation, a U.S. Department of Interior water resource development agency serving 17 Western States. Douglas finished high school in Omaha, NE by 1960, completed his military service obligation in the U.S. Naval Reserves by 1968 and graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1971. He registered as a Libertarian voter in 1988 after reading Libertarian candidate opposition to drug prohibition in a Phoenix, AZ newspaper.

Camden McConnell

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Camden McConnell, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Contra Costa County, California, is seeking the House of

Representatives seat for District 7, presently held by George Miller, a Democrat of 33 years tenure. Born in Texas, Camden was an "Army brat," growing up on Army posts throughout the southern U. S. and completing his secondary education in Portugal while his father was stationed there. After joining the Army himself in 1959, Camden was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, from which he graduated in 1965. After two years at the University of California, Berkeley for an MS in structural engineering, over the next five years Camden served two tours in Vietnam as a Regular Army officer. After leaving the Army, McConnell rejoined the Army Reserve from which he retired in 1995 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Currently a resident of Pittsburg, CA. Camden is today a practicing structural engineer with TranSystems Corporation, a nationwide consulting firm. Camden has served as Chairman of the LPCCC since joining the Party in 2005. He previously ran for the same congressional seat in 2006.

Philip Berg

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Philip Berg was born and raised in Baltimore, as was his opponent. It was the disintegration of Baltimore under the continuous rule of liberal Democrats that led him to search for better answers. Then he found Liberty. In 2006 Philip was considering running, but the decision was sealed when in a town meeting Ms. Pelosi said that she was glad that she beat a plan to fix Social Security with no

plan. He pursued an undergraduate major in economics and biology at Washington University in St. Louis. A Masters Degree in public health was earned at Johns Hopkins. He had a lengthy career in industrial hygiene, including work for the Navy, Army, and his own consulting company. Philip was diagnosed with AIDS in 1993, retired from consulting and trained in adaptive skills at the Arkansas School for the Blind. He now has worked for a number of years for the National HIV AIDS treatment hotline provided by Project Inform in San Francisco.

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Steve Wells, of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County is seeking the US House of Representatives seat in California's 16th district. Born and raised in New Jersey, Steve earned a Bachelors degree in physics from MIT and a Masters degree in engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. Steve has lived in San Jose for nearly 18 years and has voted for Libertarian candidates since 1980. Steve has worked in high-technology industries involving lasers, computers, and CAD, and has helped people understand technology through instructional design, education, and writing, in which he is currently employed.

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Ted Brown is seeking California's 26th Congressional District seat in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Ted has been an LP member for 30 years. He has served as California State Chair, Los Angeles County Chair, and a member of the LNC. He is currently a member of the California LP State Executive Committee, and is the party's chief candidate recruiter in California. Ted is a veteran LP candidate, now running in his 14th partisan race. He is the owner of an insurance claims adjusting company, is married and has one daughter.

Christopher M. Agrella
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Christopher Agrella was called upon in early February '08 by the Libertarian Party to run for Congress against an unopposed Democrat seeking a 4th term. Born in Chicago and transplanted to Southern California at age 5, he has lived there ever since. He graduated from Garey H.S. in 1972 and has worked in the L.A. & S.B. counties up to the present. His upbringing included the boy scouts, a member of the Fremont Junior High undefeated track team of '69, and Junior Achievement, to mention a few. To further see his accomplishments & views, please go to projectvotesmart.com for his political challenge test answers.

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Don Patterson, Southern District Chair, Libertarian Party of Orange County, is on the ballot

as the Libertarian candidate for Congress, California's 48th District. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, birthplace of the constitution, he received his B. S. degree in engineering from Penn State. Upon migrating west he earned his master's degree from UCLA and worked as a mission support engineer on the Apollo lunar landing program, then as a Space Shuttle project engineer and a GPS project engineer. As a licensed real estate broker he founded and manages Annlynn Corporation, Priority Properties, and Priority Funding.

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Michael Benoit was born on March 14th, 1951 in Boston, Massachusetts. He is the proud father of two daughters: Natalie Marie, and Michelle Loreta, ages 25 and 15. Mike is a well-known and active Libertarian activist in the San Diego area. He is frequently visible on local media organizing events such as Constitution Day Rallies, Independence Day Liberty Caravans, and the dreaded April 15th Tax Day. During the recent Presidential Campaign of Congressman Dr. Ron Paul, Mike organized and led over 1,000 grassroots activists in San Diego County in the effort to elect Paul for President in 2008.

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Allen Buckley, an attorney and CPA, is seeking the Georgia U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Saxby

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Chambliss. Allen received a B.A. in accounting from Kent State University, a J.D. from the University of Georgia and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida. He ran for U.S. Senate in Georgia in 2004 and received 2/3 percent of the votes. He ran for lieutenant governor in Georgia in 2006 and received 3/4 percent of the votes.

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Larry Stafford is seeking the US Senate seat currently held by Dick Durbin in Illinois. Larry is 42, married, with three daughters, and three stepdaughters. Together, Larry and wife Patty have five grandchildren. Larry is a working class candidate. Besides campaigning, Larry currently works full time as a local pick up and delivery Semi-Truck Driver. Larry has worked as a truck driver for 16 years. He started his career in the US Army as a Military Policeman, serving three years on active duty. While in the reserves, after active duty, Larry completed Drill Instructor Academy, and Parachute Jump School. He has also worked as a salesman selling

insurance, and currently owns rental property. Larry has been active in the Rockford, IL area Libertarian Party since 1999. He served as Illinois Volunteer Coordinator for the 2000 presidential campaign of Libertarian candidate Harry Browne.

Dan Druck
US House, District 14

Indiana

Eric Schansberg
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Dr. Eric Schansberg is a Professor of Economics at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany where he has been on faculty for 16 years. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Texas A&M University. He also holds bachelor degrees in Math and Economics from George Mason University. Dr. Schansberg is an active writer. His two books on public policy, *Turn Neither to the Right nor to the Left: A Thinking Christian's Guide to Politics and Public Policy* (Alertness Books, 2003) and *Poor Policy: How Government Harms the Poor* (Westview Press, 1996), have received positive press reviews. He has written a wide range of articles—from scholarly research in academic journals to editorial essays in newspapers. His research and writing have focused on applied microeconomics—with a special emphasis on how public policy often harms the poor and the intersection between economics,

politics, and religion.

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Seeking the US Senate seat currently held by Pat Roberts in Kansas, Randall was born and raised in Hutchinson, Kansas and earned a BS with honors from Wichita State University. He then earned a law degree with honors from the Arizona State University and, after an appellate judicial clerkship in Arizona, returned to Kansas where he has spent most of his professional career working as a public defender. He currently lives with his wife and two young sons in Topeka, Kansas, where he is a Cub Scout leader and an active member of First United Methodist Church.

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US House, District 2

Maryland

Darlene Nicholas
US House, District 5

Darlene Nicholas is seeking the Maryland District 5 Congressional seat against powerful, entrenched incumbent Steny Hoyer. Born in Connecticut and raised in West Paris, Maine, Darlene attended the University of Idaho, receiving a bachelor of chemistry and then an MBA from Nova University. Currently a resident of Beltsville, Maryland, Darlene is a longtime LP member. She ran for State Representative and then Secretary of State in Connecticut while helping Susette Kelo and the Institute for Justice fight the Fort Trumble Eminent Domain case in New London.

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Robert Underwood is seeking the United States Senate seat presently occupied by John Kerry in Massachusetts. He was born in Springfield May 13, he holds a B.A. from Central Connecticut State College (now a university), also attended Springfield Technical Community College and the Hartford Graduate Center. By profession he is a computer programmer/analyst working

with retailing, inventory and manufacturing systems, and a part time web master. He says, "I am

old enough to remember a time before we had intrusive government (at the time we thought it was intrusive)."

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Kenneth Proctor
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Ken Proctor is running for U.S. Congress in Michigan's 7th District. Ken is a Libertarian Life member and decorated Viet Nam Infantry Veteran. Ken offers himself as the best choice for those who love freedom and see the Patriot Act, and National ID as being anti-freedom and anti-American. "The only change the Democrats and Republicans will bring to America is a change for the worse." Ken believes our sick economy can only be cured by a major cut in federal taxes coupled with a cut in federal spending.

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US House, District 7

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US House, District 8

Adam Goodman
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US House, District 10

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US House, District 11

John Vico
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Dave Browning is the Libertarian Candidate for the US Congressional seat for the 6th District of Missouri. Dave was born and raised in Independence, Missouri, attended William Jewell College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1971. Dave went on to the University of Missouri Kansas City where he obtained his Juris Doctor in 1975; he then passed the bar and began practice in Independence, Missouri where he still maintains his law practice.

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Kevin Craig is seeking Missouri's 7th District Congressional seat currently held by the second most powerful Republican in Congress, Roy Blunt. Craig passed the California Bar Exam but was denied a license to practice law because he's an anarchist whose allegiance to God is greater than his allegiance to the government. His campaign slogan is "Liberty Under God," and he hopes to pick up lots of votes from independent-thinking farmers in Southwest Missouri.

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Christopher Cole of Huntersville, NC, has been nominated to seek the US Senate seat currently held by Republican Elizabeth Dole. The Democrat candidate is state Senator Kay Hagan. Cole is 44, single, and a 27-year resident of North Carolina. He has a BA in psychology from the University of NC at Wilmington. He was previously the LP nominee for lieutenant governor. He is also a past chair of the Libertarian Party of Mecklenburg County. Recent polls show him at 7 percent.

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Ohio

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Paul Conroy, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Cuyahoga County in Ohio, is seeking the 10th Congressional District seat currently held by Dennis Kucinich. Paul was born and raised in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio. Paul attended Our Lady of Angels, St. Edwards High, Berea High and Cuyahoga Community College. He had his first job, delivering the Cleveland Press, at age 7. He now owns a small business servicing the Internet inventory needs of the automotive industry. Currently residing in Lakewood, Ohio, Paul joined the Libertarian Party of Ohio in 2006 and helped organize the Libertarian Party of Cuyahoga County, which he has served as Chair for two terms. He also serves as Treasurer of PutItOnTheBallot.com, a grass-roots organization dedicated to preserving Cuyahoga County residents’ right to vote on tax increases. Paul previously ran for Lakewood City Council, Ward 1, which he garnered 18 percent of the vote on a shoestring campaign

budget.
David Krokorian
US House, District 2

Steve Linaberry
US House, District 12

Mark Noble
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Oregon

Steve Milligan
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Libertarian Party member, James Fryman, of Venango County, announced his candidacy for Congress in the fifth congressional district of Pennsylvania - which is being vacated by John Peterson. James Fryman was born in Mercer County in 1947 and his first work experience was learning the upholstery trade from his father, who told him, “Never trust the government.” Jim was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Hickory High School and Clarion University with a degree in secondary education. In addition, he attended the Armed Forces Institute, the University of West Florida, the US Navy electronics school and various training classes in real estate appraising. He retired from PennDot in 2007 as a real estate negotiator. He and his wife, Patti, have been married

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for 38 years, have two children, and are active members of St. Patrick's Church in Franklin, PA. He is involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and enjoys sailing, chess, reading, wine, and traveling.

Randall Forester
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Tennessee

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Daniel Lewis, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, is seeking the US Senate seat currently held by Lamar Alexander in Tennessee. Daniel earned a B.S. from Tennessee Temple University and a M.Ed. in secondary earth science education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He currently teaches at a private school for special needs children. Daniel previously served as secretary of the Hamilton County Libertarian Party. He ran for the Tennessee Legislature in 2004. Daniel is known for his research on the constitutional history of Tennessee.

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Christopher J. Claytor is seeking the U.S. House of Representatives seat held by the nine term incumbent, Republican, Sam Johnson in the Texas 3rd Congressional District. Born and raised in Chillicothe, Ohio, Chris attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and then served four years in the Army on active duty in Kuwait and Germany, and an additional six years in the Army National Guard in Texas. Currently a resident of Plano, Texas, Chris joined the LP in 1998, and has represented the LP in three previous campaigns for U.S. Representative.

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"Matt Finkel got the highest percentage of any [Libertarian] candidate in the U.S. in 2006" -- Wes Benedict, Executive Director for the Libertarian Party of Texas. Now, he is running for U.S. Congress in Texas' District 10. Matt is in his second term on the Texas State Libertarian Executive Committee and is a two-time delegate to the Libertarian National Convention. He is the Director of "Live and Let Live" a Libertarian T.V. show that has been airing for over 20 years. He is a long-time Libertarian Activist with a proven ability to earning votes. Please, Donate Today!

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John R. Strohm is an embedded real-time systems programmer and an unreconstructed paleo - conservative former Cold Warrior. He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts in 1981, and has spent over twenty years working in industry, most of it in aerospace and defense electronics. He is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Texas' District 11. His brother put him up to it.

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Gricha Raether, Director of Sales and Marketing for VI Technology - an engineering consulting firm in Austin, TX, is seeking the US Representative seat for Texas' 15th Congressional District. Gricha was born in Germany to a German father and a Mexican mother, and was raised in 5 countries including the US, Germany, Mexico, Colombia, and Cuba. He has two children with his wife Erika. He graduated as Computer Engineer from ITESM Mexico City and is currently a candidate in Baylor's Executive MBA program. He has lived in the US since 1998.

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David Casey, of Bedford, TX is running for Congress to fight for the freedoms that have diminished in the last 7 years, and return a sense of responsibility to a

government that has no fiscal restraint. With a weak economy, the taxpayers can ill afford to have more of their money wasted. He is a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. David grew up in San Diego, before he enlisted for the United States Navy. There he spent 8 years in the nuclear propulsion field both as an enlisted sailor and as a nuclear facilities analyst.

Ross Lynn Leone
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Ross Lynn Leone, 61, a retired Federal employee, is seeking the 28th Congressional District seat. Born and raised in Houston, TX, Ross Lynn Leone graduated from L.S.U. and worked for 25 years as a Manager, Management Analyst and Program Analyst. A resident of Seguin, TX, he has two sons and a daughter enrolled in the Seguin public schools. A Catholic, Ross is a member of several Civil War Roundtables, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB), the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), the Texas Chess Association, the American Philatelic Society, the Texas Philatelic Society, The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), AARP and the Texas Military Museum.

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Joseph Geddes Buchman, PhD,
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Utah’s First Congressional

District, earned a BS in Marketing (Indiana University, 1980), an MS in Finance (Purdue, 1983), and a PhD (Indiana, 1989). After earning tenure as a professor of management, Joe retired from higher education to found his own corporate consulting, training and development practice in 2001. He is a published author, enjoys adventure travel and has taught graduate management and marketing courses in Mongolia and China. Joe joined the Libertarian Party in 1980, and lives with his wife and four children in the mountains outside of Park City.

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Virginia

Bill Redpath
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Bill Redpath, Chairman of the Libertarian Party, is seeking the US Senate seat being vacated by Senator John Warner in Virginia. Born and raised in Findlay, Ohio, William attended Indiana University and then earned an MBA from the University of Chicago. Currently a resident of Leesburg, Virginia, William joined the LP in 1984, served as chairman of the Virginia LP from 1989-1991, and the treasurer for the LP from 1991-1993 and from 2003-2004. He previously ran twice for the state legislature in the 1990s and for Governor in 2001. He is noted with the LP for

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Nathan Larson, 1st Congressional District Chair for the Libertarian Party of Virginia, is seeking the US House of Representatives seat currently held by Rob Wittman. Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, Nathan earned a Management degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and then became a CPA. Currently a resident of Catlett, Virginia, Nathan joined the LP circa 2000. This election cycle, Nathan is advocating the elimination of taxation, replacement of the U.S. military with competing private defense agencies, and the easing of Northern Virginia traffic through the establishment of free market roads and railways.

Wisconsin

Joseph Kexel
US House, District 1

Wyoming

David Herbert
US House

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Progress in Marijuana Policy Reform If You Know Where to Look

By Dan Bernath

We all know we have a long way to go before we end the government's war on marijuana users, but it's just possible we'll look back on 2008 as one of the major turning points in that difficult, inevitable journey.

We're constantly inundated with nonsense, hysteria and outright lies when marijuana is discussed in the public, so it's easy to miss the progress. But if you squint just right, you can see signs that policy, public opinion and the political landscape may slowly be edging toward sanity.

Medical marijuana probably gives us the clearest view of changing attitudes. Legislatures in just about every part of the country are taking up bills to protect many of the most vulnerable victims of marijuana prohibition: the sick and dying who use medical marijuana to relieve their suffering.

Medical marijuana bills in New York, Minnesota and Illinois all made unprecedented progress in the past couple legislative sessions, which we and our local patient/activist allies can build on down the road.

Michigan voters will also have a chance to protect their seriously ill citizens from arrest when they vote on MPP's medical marijuana initiative this Election Day. Five Michigan cities – Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ferndale, Flint and Traverse City – have already passed local medical marijuana

ordinances, and recent polls show as many as two out of three voters favoring the November ballot initiative.

Meanwhile, bills to reduce penalties for minor marijuana violations – admittedly humble proposals – made unprecedented headway in Vermont and New Hampshire this year. In fact, New Hampshire's House defied conventional wisdom and passed the bill 193-141 with bipartisan support in March.

A ballot initiative to similarly reduce minor marijuana penalties and protect violators from the threat of arrest and a criminal conviction has a much better chance of success in Massachusetts, where voters will decide on the issue themselves in November rather than rely on often-timid politicians.

But meaningful reform isn't just a state and local phenomenon anymore. For the first time in about 30 years, a marijuana policy reform bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. Rep. Barney Frank's (D-Mass.) "Personal Use of Marijuana by Responsible Adults Act of 2008" would remove federal criminal penalties for small marijuana violations.

Though few, including Frank, give the bill much chance of passing this year, it shows an increasing willingness among federal lawmakers to talk seriously about our failed marijuana laws.

The bill certainly caught the attention of drug warriors in the White House drug czar's

office. The day before Frank's July 30 press conference discussing the bill, the Office of National Drug Control Policy rushed out a dense, 20-page document with the hilariously over-the-top title, "Marijuana: The Greatest Cause of Illegal Drug Abuse."

That didn't cause the media frenzy they'd hoped for, so they sent their "chief scientist," David Murray – whose academic background is in anthropology rather than anything related to medicine or drugs – to crash the press conference. He was largely ignored by reporters and ridiculed by a few.

Perhaps we're starting

to see a real shift in thinking on marijuana policy – not just among Americans, who have long favored sensible medical marijuana laws and reforms in marijuana sentencing – but among their elected leaders and policy makers as well. The time may be approaching when politicians who cast their lot with the fear mongers not only find themselves on the wrong side of the debate morally and ethically, but also on the losing side politically.

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The Libertarian National Committee is currently seeking a new Executive Director. Applicant must be seasoned professional with background in non-profit management, who has experience in fundraising. An understanding of Libertarian principles is preferred.

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